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<p>4)<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) <u>1-22</u> is/are pending in the application. 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration. 5)<input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed. 6)<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) <u>1-22</u> is/are rejected. 7)<input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to. 8)<input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.</p>		
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1- 22 are pending for examination.
2. Claims 1- 22 are rejected.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lamming et al, U.S. Patent 6,144,997.
6. As per claim 1; “A method for managing access to a service [Abstract, figure 1 and associated description, col. 1,line 16-col. 2,line 57] comprising the steps of: (A) delegating, over at least one ad hoc network in a personal area network, one or more permissions relating to the service, to a delegatee by a delegator, wherein the one or more permissions comprise authority to access the service and to delegate one or more further permissions to subsequent delegatees and are represented using a digital signature [col. 2,lines 6-57, col. 3,lines 36-58, col. 4,lines 43-66, col. 5,lines 45-col. 6,line 11, col. 6,lines 41-51, col. 7,lines 51-62, col. 8,lines 23-col. 9,line 29, col. 9,lines 66-col. 10,line 26, col. 10,lines 49-65, col. 11,lines 6-24]; and (B) providing access to the service to each

permitted delegatee over a second computer network that is different from the personal area network [figures 1,4,5 and associated descriptions].”;

Further, as per claim 12; “A system [This claim is the system claim for the method claim 1 above, and is rejected for the same reasons provided for the claim 1 rejection] for managing access to a service comprising: a delegation device that delegates, over at least one ad hoc network in a personal area network, one or more permissions relating to the service, to a delegatee by a delegator, wherein the one or more permissions comprise authority to access the service and to delegate one or more further permissions to subsequent delegatees and are represented using a digital signature; and one or more servers that provide access to the service to each permitted delegatee over a second computer network that is different from the personal area network.”.

7. Claim 2 ***additionally recites*** the limitation that; “The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of: (C) synchronizing first data comprising said one or more permissions on said delegation device with second data on a receiving device.”. The teachings of Lamming et al suggest such limitations (col. 3,lines 35-col. 6,line 11, col. 8,lines 23-col. 10,line 65);

Further, as per claim 14 ***additionally reciting*** the limitation that; “The system [This claim is the system claim for the method claim 2 above, and is rejected for the same reasons provided for the claim 2 rejection] of claim 12 further comprising a computer that synchronizes first data comprising said one or more permissions on said delegation device with second data on said computer.”.

8. Claim 3 ***additionally recites*** the limitation that; “The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of: (D) delegating one or more of said further permissions to

subsequent delegates via electronic mail.”. The teachings of Lamming et al suggest such limitations (col. 2,lines 6-57, col. 3,lines 36-58, col. 4,lines 43-66, col. 5,lines 45-col. 6,line 11, col. 6,lines 41-51, col. 7,lines 51-62, col. 8,lines 23-col. 9,line 29, col. 9,lines 66-col. 10,line 26, col. 10,lines 49-65, col. 11,lines 6-24, whereas the “satchel” paradigm corresponds to the applicants email limitation as broadly interpreted by the examiner);

Further, as per claim 13 ***additionally reciting*** the limitation that; “The system [This claim is the system claim for the method claim 3 above, and is rejected for the same reasons provided for the claim 3 rejection] of claim 12 wherein one or more of said further permissions to subsequent delegatees are delegated via electronic mail.”.

9. Claim 4 ***additionally recites*** the limitation that; “The method of claim 1 wherein said personal area network comprises two or more devices that transmit data by infrared light waves.”. The teachings of Lamming et al suggest such limitations (Abstract, figure 1 and associated description);

Further, as per claim 15 ***additionally reciting*** the limitation that; “The system [This claim is the system claim for the method claim 4 above, and is rejected for the same reasons provided for the claim 4 rejection] of claim 12 wherein said personal area network comprises two or more devices that transmit data by infrared light waves.”.

10. Claim 5 ***additionally recites*** the limitation that; “The method of claim 1 wherein said personal area network comprises two or more devices that transmit data by digital short-range radio waves.”. The teachings of Lamming et al suggest such limitations (col. 5,lines 30-44, col. 11,lines 25-col. 12,line 57);

Further, as per claim 16 ***additionally reciting*** the limitation that; “The system [This claim is the system claim for the method claim 5 above, and is rejected for the same

reasons provided for the claim 5 rejection] of claim 12 wherein said personal area network comprises two or more devices that transmit data by digital short-range radio waves.”.

11. Claim 6 ***additionally recites*** the limitation that; “The method of claim 1 wherein said second computer network comprises a public network.”. The teachings of Lamming et al suggest such limitations (col. 4,lines 43-col. 5,line 17);

Further, as per claim 17 ***additionally reciting*** the limitation that; “The system [This claim is the system claim for the method claim 6 above, and is rejected for the same reasons provided for the claim 6 rejection] of claim 12 wherein said second computer network comprises a public network.”.

12. Claim 7 ***additionally recites*** the limitation that; “The method of claim 6 wherein said public network comprises the Internet.”. The teachings of Lamming et al suggest such limitations (col. 4,lines 43-col. 5,line 17);

Further, as per claim 18 ***additionally reciting*** the limitation that; “The system [This claim is the system claim for the method claim 7 above, and is rejected for the same reasons provided for the claim 7 rejection] of claim 17 wherein said public network comprises the Internet.”.

13. Claim 8 ***additionally recites*** the limitation that; “The method of claim 1 wherein the delegation of permission is performed using a personal digital assistant.”. The teachings of Lamming et al suggest such limitations (figure 1 and associated description, col. 2,lines 29-38, col. 5,lines 45-col. 6,line 51);

Further, as per claim 19 ***additionally reciting*** the limitation that; “The system [This claim is the system claim for the method claim 8 above, and is rejected for the same

reasons provided for the claim 8 rejection] of claim 12 wherein the delegation device is a personal digital assistant.”.

14. Claim 9 ***additionally recites*** the limitation that; “The method of claim 1 wherein access to the service is provided to a personal computer over said second computer network.”. The teachings of Lamming et al suggest such limitations (figures 1,4,5 and associated descriptions);

Further, as per claim 20 ***additionally reciting*** the limitation that; “The system [This claim is the system claim for the method claim 9 above, and is rejected for the same reasons provided for the claim 9 rejection] of claim 12 wherein the service is provided to a personal computer over said second computer network.”.

15. Claim 10 ***additionally recites*** the limitation that; “The method of claim 1 wherein said service comprises accessing content.”. The teachings of Lamming et al suggest such limitations (col. 3,lines 35-col. 5,line 17, col. 6,lines 1-11, col. 10,lines 25-42);

Further, as per claim 21 ***additionally reciting*** the limitation that; “The system [This claim is the system claim for the method claim 10 above, and is rejected for the same reasons provided for the claim 10 rejection] of claim 12 wherein the service comprises accessing content.”.

16. Claim 11 ***additionally recites*** the limitation that; “ The method of claim 1 wherein said service comprises actuating a device.”. The teachings of Lamming et al suggest such limitations (col. 3,lines 35-col. 5,line 17, col. 6,lines 1-11, col. 7,lines 8-22, col. 9,lines 30-42, col. 10,lines 25-42, col. 11,lines 32-col. 12,line 57);

Further, as per claim 22 ***additionally reciting*** the limitation that; “The system [This claim is the system claim for the method claim 11 above, and is rejected for the

same reasons provided for the claim 11 rejection] of claim 12 wherein the service comprises actuating a device.”.

Conclusion

17. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from examiner should be directed to Ronald Baum, whose telephone number is (703) 305-4276. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

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